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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FELDMAN ET AL.

Examiner

Bradley Bayat

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 26 and 31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

Claims 1-19 were canceled in the response filed on 18 October 2004 and new claims 20-31 were added. Therefore, new claims 20-31 are presented for examination on the merits.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

Claims 26 and 31 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 26 and 31 refers to canceled claims 1 and 11 respectively.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 20-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ansell et al. (hereinafter Ansell), U.S. Patent 6,367,019 B1.

As per the following claims, Ansell discloses:

20. (new) A storage device, comprising: a storage medium; and a storage engine, the storage engine being configured to generate a secure session key and to receive encrypted content and a corresponding encrypted content key from a host system, wherein the content key has been encrypted by the host system using the secure session key, the storage engine being further configured to decrypt the encrypted content key using the secure session key and to encrypt the decrypted content key with a first storage engine encryption key and to write the storage-engine-encrypted content key to the storage medium (column 2, line 5-column 3, line 15; column 7, lines 13-37; figures 6-7 and associated text) .

21. (new) The storage device of claim 20, wherein the storage engine is further configured to generate the secure session key in response to verifying the authenticity of a certifying authority's digital signature provided by the host system (column 7, lines 18-37).

22. (new) The storage device of claim 21, wherein the storage engine is further configured to encrypt the secure session key using a public key provided by the host system such that the host system can recover the secure session key only by decrypting the encrypted secure session key using the private key corresponding to the public key (figures 5-8 and associated text).

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23. (new) The storage device of claim 22, wherein the storage engine is further configured to doubly-encrypt the encrypted content using at least a second storage engine encryption key (column 6, lines 1-7; column 7-8).

24. (new) The storage device of claim 23, wherein the second storage engine encryption key comprises a Data Encryption Standard (DES) key (column 7, lines 1-13).

25. (new) The storage device of claim 24, wherein the DES key comprises a triple DES key (columns 10-12).

26. (new) The storage device of claim 1, wherein the storage engine is an optical disc storage engine and wherein the storage media is an optical disc (column 4, lines 19-35).

27. (new) The storage device of claim 26, wherein the optical disc is a removable optical disc (column 4, lines 19-35).

28. (new) The storage device of claim 22, wherein the public key and the private key are elliptic curve cryptography keys (figures 8 and associated text; columns 9-12).

29. (new) The storage device of claim 20, wherein the storage engine includes a random number generator for generating the secure session key (column 10, lines 9-55).

30. (new) A method of writing to a storage device from a host system having a public key and a corresponding private key, comprising: encrypting a secure session key using the public key; recovering the secure session key from the encrypted secure session key using the corresponding private key; encrypting content according to a content key and commanding the storage device to write the encrypted content to a storage medium; encrypting the content key using secure session key and transmitting the encrypted content key to the storage device; and in the storage device, decrypting the encrypted content key using the secure session key (column 2, line 5-column 3, line 15; column 7, lines 13-37; figures 6-7 and associated text).

31. (new) The method of claim 11, further comprising: in the storage device, encrypting the decrypted content key with a storage device key; and writing the storage-device-encrypted content key to the storage medium (figures 11-13 and associated text).

Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior arts of record in the body of this action for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the response, to consider fully the entire references as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: U.S. Patent 5,991,399 to Graunke et al.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley Bayat whose telephone number is 703-305-8548. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703-305-9768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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